

Table 3
Social, Welfare, and Health Data

Source: *N.C. Health Statistics Pocket Guide – 2001*, State Center for Health Statistics

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Federal Food Stamp Program, Benefits per Participant, FY 2000	\$872	\$826	32
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, FY 2000	\$202	\$191	19
SSI ¹ Payments per Recipient, 1999	\$4,592	\$3,750	48
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, 1999	\$212	\$219	18
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit, 2000			
Retired Workers ²	\$845	\$814	35
Disabled Workers	\$787	\$761	41
Widows and Widowers ³	\$810	\$743	43
TANF ⁴ Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 1999	2.4	1.6	26
Percent Current Cigarette Smokers, 1999 ⁵	22.7	25.2	9
Per Capita Federal Aid to State and Local Governments, FY 2000	\$1,037	\$983	28
Per Capita State Government Expenditures, FY 2000 ⁶	\$3,359	\$3,210	27
Employment (FTE) in Health, 1999			
State Government (thousands)	169	3	21
Local Government (thousands)	224	15	4
Employment (FTE) in Hospitals, 1999			
State Government (thousands)	415	16	4
Local Government (thousands)	537	23	7
Hazardous Waste Sites on the Superfund Priorities List, 2000	1,279	25	14
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population, 1999 ⁷	4,267	5,175	6
Violent Crime ⁸	525	542	16
State Parks and Recreation Areas, 2000			
Acres per 1,000 Population	46	20	38

¹Supplemental Security Income. ²Excludes special benefits. ³Nondisabled only. ⁴Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. ⁵Among civilian population, 18 and over. ⁶Excludes Nevada, and District of Columbia. ⁷Offenses known to the police. ⁸Murder (including non-negligent manslaughter), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.